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Mr. Ben H. Read
Secretary for Management
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Room 7207
Washington, D.C. 20520

Re: United States v. Peoples Temple
Civil No. 79-0126SC (N.D. Cal.)

Dear Mr. Read:

We enclose two documents: (1) a Petition for Order Granting Receiver Authority to Compromise Claims of the United States; and, (2) an August 8, 1980 letter from Robert H. Fabian, the Receiver of Peoples Temple, to Jay Rini of the Department of State. The two enclosures relate to the settlement of this suit to recover the costs incident to removal of the bodies from Jonestown, Guyana after the tragedy. We have discussed the settlement over the past months with representatives of both L/CA and the Bureau of Consular Affairs.

The two enclosures propose a settlement of the claims of the United States in terms we believe we can recommend. We, however, of course, solicit the views of our client agencies with respect to proposed settlements. Please, therefore, let us know the recommendation of the Department of State as soon as possible. In requesting your recommendation, we recognize that portions of the proposed settlement, e.g., those portions relating to tax matters do not involve your Department and you need not be concerned with them.

If you need additional information from us, please contact James G. Bruen, Jr. of this office at 724-7453.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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